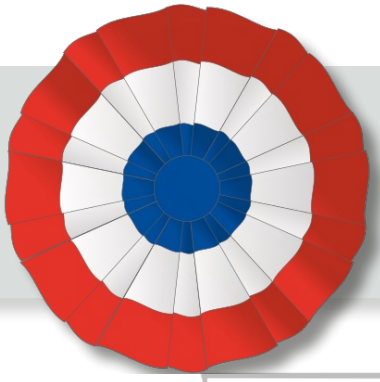

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Who are you?

Working or Ruling class?

You are **NOT** a Republican. You are **NOT** a Democrat. **You are The Worker.**

Poor & Working Poor
($0-$24,000)

You are 20% of the population and control -1% of US total net wealth

·Unstable housing
·Underemployed & underpaid; long term use of public assistance (welfare etc)
·Debt from monthly bills, emergencies
·Chronic lack of healthcare, food

Working Class
($24k-$75,000)

You are 40% of the population and control 3% of US net wealth

·Unstable housing, long term renter and if homeowner- most wealth tied to home

·Some access to higher education, large amounts of student debt is common
·Living paycheck to paycheck with little or no savings
·Debt from education, medical bills or credit cards used for living expenses and emergencies
·Treated as replaceable and conditioned to resent the middle-class (bosses, lawyers) and ***conditioned to idealize wealth***

Middle Class
($75k-$121,000)

You are 20% of the population and control 8% of US total net wealth

•Homeownership, generally stable housing
·Depends on wages/salary to pay bills, job offers some benefits, some control over hours and methods of work
·Social status/connections to help next generation
·College expected, may or may not have Bachelor's degree
·Debt is most often in mortgages, education and medical bills
·Stable employment but precarious if unexpected expenses arise (high medical bills, loss of pensions or layoffs)

·***Conditioned toward fear of being poor*** and to act in allegiance with, and aspire to be upper-class

> *The most important word in the language of the working class is "**solidarity**."*
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> *-Harry Bridges*

Upper-Class
($121k-$431,000)

You are 19% of the population and control 49% of US Total net wealth

·Own one or multiple homes, international travel
·Dependent on salaries to pay bills, mid level to high level managerial or professional jobs
·Education at "elite/selective" colleges or public university without student loans
·Some investment in stock market, might have enough savings to retire ear
ly
·Treated as experts. ***Conditioned towards comparing up*** so as to see themselves as not that wealthy

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Neighbor, how are they helping you?

How is our state legislature helping you and your family?

DEI stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion and seeks to promote the fair treatment and full participation of ALL workers. DEI also includes all those with disabilities. POTUS lied. It sprung from Kennedy's Executive Order 10925. It asked that government, "*take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, ... are treated [fairly] during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, or national origin*".

How helpful will the removal of DEI be to your life or that of your family?

Tariffs. They have maliciously convinced you that tariffs work to punish or strong arm foreign countries**, *they do not.*** The additional 25% will be added to the consumer by increasing the cost of the imported item. Then the domestic item will increase THEIR price to just below the higher imported item, because capitalism. YOU are now the one getting taken advantage of. ***How are the tariffs going to help you and your family this week?***

Senate File 8

"*prohibits school governing boards from disciplining employees, contractors or students for using an employee's or student's legal name, in the form of termination or suspension of employment, detention or expulsion from school and financial, written or verbal reprimands*"

Why would a teacher even refuse to call a student by their preferred name or gasp pronoun? Is it to feel powerful over a child in their care? Why do we need protection from the expectation of decency and respect towards others?

How will protections for an adult who refuses to respect a child's preferred name help you or your family?

This bill was advanced 2-1.

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Senate File 156:

A person shall not enter a private space located within a facility owned, operated, or controlled by a state entity that is designated for use by persons of the opposite biological sex

Are they conveniently forgetting there are three genders? There are folks naturally born intersex, are they not worthy of respect? Are we truly that obsessed with what type of parts someone urinates and defecates with?

As a man, do you want a female-presenting person at your urinal? As a woman do you want a male-presenting person in your bathroom? How does refusing to treat fellow Iowans with dignity help your family?

SSB 1028:

"age-appropriate and research-based instruction in human growth and development" would include an ultrasound video showing early fetal development of vital organs and an animation of prenatal human development starting at fertilization."

Bill had previously failed due to its explicit link to anti-abortion group Live Action. This connection pretty much ensures SSB1028 will contain biased, medically inaccurate information***. They re-submitted with that bias scrubbed from it. How will this help you or your family directly?***

Bill headed to committee

Is any of the above helping to control our biggest worries like inflation, rent costs, food prices, or mortgage interest rates? Will it increase your wages, healthcare coverage or work protections? Do you feel safer in your neighborhood?

Nah.

Iowa legislators have chosen to focus on bullying citizens by lying to constituents about "protecting" them. They're stealing taxpayer's money (embezzlement) and legislating away the rights of our neighbors. Once they run out of lies about immigrants, LGBTQ+ and political dissidents, **they are going to come for you next.**

Our birthright to Life, Liberty & pursuit of Happiness

The ***Republican and Democrat voter labels have been weaponized*** to make us assume everyone is in complete and total agreement with a manufactured Corporate party's platform. We used to have nuance, we used to have both liberal and conservative members on a spectrum within each major party. Hyper-partisanship was injected into our politics to destabilize our union by those who want to take what rightfully belongs to The People.

News corporations and their chronically angry mouths peddle bald faced lies on prime-time television to easily divide citizens into "in" and "out" groups. The news has long been bought to pursue the will of the American oligarchy. **You are not getting accurate news.** If you watch Fox News or CNN or any other "news" and they increase your rage and hate towards your fellow man, it's all to distract you from truth. You are not "in" on the spoils if you're not the one on TV. You are not part of the Ruling Class and **they have zero intention of allowing you into their club.**

We have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is not a right you must earn with hard work. It's not a privilege for a lucky few, your faith does not make you less or more worthy of this right. Neither does your place of birth dictate your worthiness. **It's already yours**, simply for being born. We do not need to prove that we are worthy of respect. It's a given. We are born and we die, equals from start to finish and ***anyone who attempts to limit our God given right to live in peace, and maliciously fosters inequality among us is an enemy of The People.***

You deserve to be at home, enjoying healthful life with your loved ones. Everyone housed. Gainfully employed to further your goals and increase your personal comforts. At ease knowing your children are safe in schools, shopping malls, movie theaters, concert halls, dance clubs, churches. Unconcerned with any loss of housing because of a cancer diagnosis or chronic illness resulting in disability.

•You have the right to share public spaces together without fear of being assaulted by another person.

•You have the right to educate your children according to your spiritual beliefs so long as those beliefs do not encroach on the right of another to enjoy their equally important right to life.

These rights are inalienable, regardless of ethnic background, regardless of who we love, what languages we speak, the appearance of body that houses our soul or firmly held personal spiritual beliefs.

It's not a difficult concept; however the system want us to believe viciousness, hate and ugliness of character are virtues.

We cannot allow ourselves to continue to be led by barbaric and primitive leaders. They are violently clinging to an abusive belief system that no longer serves us.

*"**We are led by** the least among us - the **least intelligent**, the **least noble**, the **least visionary**. We are led by the least among us and we do not fight back against the dehumanizing values that are handed down as control icons."*

-Terence McKenna

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Ruling Class
($431,000+)

They are only 1% of the population and own 40% of US total net wealth.
·Owns luxurious home or homes, international travel
·Income from assets (stocks) make full-time work optional
·Education at elite/selective private schools and elite colleges without debt
·Social status and financial knowledge to help the next generation remain wealthy
·Encouraged towards hyper-individualism resulting in isolation
·Conditioned to ***see poverty as an individual's fault*** and wealth as a result of "hard work"
Ruling-class describes the global elite who ***hold majority of power to determine conditions of people's lives***: billionaires, major CEOs, presidents, senators or other high positions of state powe, oligarchs, etc.

"The Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that the 22 million households making $20,000 to $30,000 will collectively pay 26.6% more in 2027 than they would under the previous statute in that year. The 629,000 households making over $1,000,000 will pay 1% less'

https://resourcegeneration.org/breakdown-of-class-characteristics-income-brackets/The Joint Committee on Taxation: Distributional Effects Of The Conference Agreement For H.R.1, The 'Tax Cuts And Jobs Act'

A Message from Arundhati Roy

"It's odd how **those who dismiss the peace movement** *as utopian,* **don't hesitate to proffer** *the most absurdly dreamy reasons for* **going to war***: to stamp out terrorism, install democracy, eliminate fascism, and most* **entertainingly, to 'rid the world of evil-doers'.**

"Our strategy should be **not only to confront empire***, but to* **lay siege to it***. To* **deprive it** *of oxygen. To shame it. To mock it. With our art, our music, our literature, our stubbornness, our joy, our brilliance, our sheer relentlessness. The* **corporate revolution will collapse if we refuse to buy what they are selling** *– their ideas, their version of history, their wars, their weapons, their notion of inevitability.*

*"***This model of US economics** *packaged in a carton that says "democracy" is being forced on countries all over the world, militarily if necessary, has* **in the United States itself resulted in 400 of the richest people owning wealth equivalent [to that] of half of the population.***"*

-Arundhati Roy

Book Recommendations

- **On* Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder**

Thank you to **Brytcyd for kindly pointing out my mistake in issue one.*

- **How Fascism Works by Jason Stanl**
- **The Anatomy of Fascism by Robert O. Paxton**
- **It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis**
- **The Doors of Perception by Aldous Huxley**
- **Restoring the Kinship Worldview by Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez PhD**

Dear reader: Kindness and empathy are precious and must be fostered and protected. Refuse to engage in malicious discourse that only serves to further divide us. Accept that we make mistakes and can grow from them. Make kindness LOUDER than hate. We are not the minority, we are the American people and we outnumber the oligarchs.

DO NOT OBEY IN ADVANCE.

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